

29 July 1954



MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Pforzheimer

SUBJECT : H.R. 9767

1. Per your request of recent date, the following comments are made relative to H.R. 9767, the proposed "Overseas Allowances Act of 1954."

a. Generally, it may be stated that the proposed legislation is a considerable improvement over the allowance structure now applicable.

b. Under Title IV of said proposed Act, there are specific repealing provisions. I would recommend that the pertinent provisions of PL 110 be inserted as part of the repealed statutes inasmuch as the benefits available under the proposed Act will be greater than those now available under PL 110.

c. You will note under Section 211(1) that an individual is now entitled to a temporary lodging allowance upon the occasion of his departure from his overseas post. As I recall this provision, it was recommended by the Department of State some time ago in addition to a temporary lodging allowance in the United States upon the occasion of an individual's return from his overseas post of duty. The provision reflects that the Department succeeded in the former, but failed in the latter. Section 211(3) is a new concept to government quarters allowances and is one which should be acquired by this Agency automatically.

d. You will note that under Section 221(4) educational allowances are granted. In addition to educational allowances, Section 221(4)(ii) provides for travel grants under certain conditions therein specified. These grants are over and above those now available to this Agency and should likewise be acquired.


e. Section 241 enables an employee to be paid or reimbursed for the expense of storage when he is assigned to a post to which he cannot take or to which he is unable to use his furniture and household and personal effects. You will recall that this is a restatement of the Department of State Regulation which caused considerable concern to the General Accounting Office. This, too, is more liberal than the benefits now available to this Agency under PL 110, and effort should be made to acquire it.

f. Section 231 may inferentially entitle this Agency to utilize a representation allowance without the necessity of draining upon the resources of Section 10 of our Act.

g. The storage provisions under Title III of said proposed Act are likewise beneficial and should be adopted.

2. It would appear, without access to any supporting report, that the climate is favorable for this type of legislative action.

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